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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. THE FOLLOWING FORMALLETTER OF INVITATION WAS MAILED
ON 23 FEBRUARY 78. AS APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY WANT TO TRANS-
MIT THE TEXT TO THE MOD.

BEGIN TEXT

THE HONORABLE ROELOF KRUISINGA
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
4 PLEIN
THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF

YOUR APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE. I WOULD LIKE TO
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR WIFE TO PAY
AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN EARLY MARCH. I
UNDERSTAND THAT OUR STAFFS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT AND THAT

THE WEEK OF 13-17 MARCH (WITH OUR DISCUSSIONS ON 14
MARCH) IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. IF SO, I WILL LEAVE IT TO
OUR STAFFS TO WORK OUT THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, OUR TWO NATIONS ARE INVOLVED IN A
NUMBER OF PROJECTS VITAL TO THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF NATO
AND THE SECURITY OF OUR ALLIANCE. AMONG THE MOST IMPOR-
TANT ARE THE NATO SHORT TERM INITIATIVES, THE LONG TERM
DEFENSE PROGRAM AND THE NATO AEW PROGRAM. I LOOK FORWARD
TO DISCUSSING THESE AND OTHER MUTUAL CONCERNS WITH YOU
WHEN WE MEET.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) HAROLD BROWN

END TEXT.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL
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ITINERARY IS PRESENTLY PLANNED:

MONDAY (13 MARCH) - ARRIVE FROM NY,
--- - MEET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,
-- - EMBASSY CONSULTATIONS.

TUESDAY (14 MARCH) - A.M. - OFFICIAL HONORS,
-- - HUGHES BRIEFING,
-- - MEETING WITH SECDEF.
-- - P.M. - LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SECDEF,
-- - MEETING WITH DOD OFFICIALS
-- - (OUSDRE, ISA, SPEC. ADVISOR,
-- - JCS, ETC.)
-- EVENING - PRESIDENTIAL BOX AT KENNEDY
-- CENTER CONCERT HALL.

WEDNESDAY (15 MARCH)
-- - A.M. - TRAVEL TO SACLANT, BRIEFINGS,
-- - P.M. - LUNCH HOSTED BY SACLANT
-- - - MIL FLIGHT TO NYC FOR RETURN.

3. EMBASSY AND MISSION VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTELS HAVE

BEEN MOST USEFUL; WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER COMMENT
OR INFORMATION IF APPROPRIATE.

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